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MALICIOUS ATTACK ON SANTA FE STREET PLAN ROUSES TORRANCE CITIZENS

Statement Nails Lies Aimed at Prosperity and Growth of City

Aroused by a malicious attack on the Board of Trustees and others who see in the proposed great Santa Fe factory district in Torrance the greatest move for growth and prosperity in this city, 138 prominent property owners, business and professional men, women, and industrial executives yesterday signed a statement nailing the inferred falsehoods contained in the attack and urging that the proposed street vacations be made as quickly as possible in order to speed the great impetus which the Santa Fe industrial development will bring to Torrance.

The statement nails the lies circulated in connection with the proposed vacations, points out that only two of the streets proposed for vacation are in use, makes clear that the vacations will be approved only when the Santa Fe agrees to dedicate new streets in return for those vacated, and berates the malicious attack against the proceedings and individuals which was circulated throughout the city this week.

The statement follows:

"We, the undersigned, being citizens or property owners of the City of Torrance, herewith approve the action of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance in passing a resolution of intention to vacate streets in the Santa Fe industrial district and in so carefully safeguarding the city's future by informing the Santa Fe of the conditions which the company must meet before the street vacations are finally approved. And we confirm this action for the following reasons:

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- Dick Meewig
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- Mrs. Emma Merriam
- R. A. Hoag
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- Torrance Flat Glass Co., By Frank Coates, Gen. Mgr.
- International Derrick and Equipment Company, by Ray C. Young
- F. W. Warren
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- Mrs. A. D. Stevenson
- Lester Paxton
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- Mary L. Thompson
- Herbert S. Wood
- L. O. Stevens
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- Mrs. Thelma Warren
- D. Spurlin

"1—The development of the Santa Fe property for industrial purposes will place in Torrance the most up-to-date factory subdivision on the Coast and will eventually, we believe, make Torrance the center of the greatest industrial section in Southern California. In co-operating with the Santa Fe and at the same time protecting the city of Torrance, the Board of Trustees are acting wisely in what appears to be the greatest move for the growth of Torrance ever made in the history of this city. New industries in Torrance enhance the value of all property and will make Torrance a center in which workmen will find steady and profitable employment. If these streets are not vacated Torrance cannot secure this great industrial district.

"2—The district recently purchased by the Santa Fe contains many streets which were laid out originally to serve a residence district and small farms. These streets, only two of which are now in use, are not constructed to suit the needs of an industrial district. The street vacations therefore are merely to enable the Santa Fe to re-plan the district and dedicate new streets suitable to a factory area. The vacation of the streets therefore is not a gift to the Santa Fe, but a move to enable the Santa Fe to re-dedicate new streets in place of those now in existence but not in use. The Board of Trustees has informed the Santa Fe that the vacations will not be finally made until the company agrees in an official

and binding manner to the following conditions:

"A—That at least four north and south streets in addition to Maple avenue and running from Camino Real to Carson be rededicated to the city within three years.

"B—That at least two east and west streets be rededicated to the city to run between Madera and Maple avenues within three years.

"C—That the company put in no rip tracks or classification yards.

"D—That all crossings be maintained by the company with the same material used on streets and to the satisfaction of the city engineer.

"E—That Maple avenue be rededicated within 30 days.

"F—That the company pay all expenses of the street vacation proceedings.

"G—That the company grant the city the right to extend Sonoma avenue across the Santa Fe tracks.

"H—That the company deed to the city the southerly 60 feet of Blocks 1, 2 and 3, Tract No. 4070, so that Eldorado avenue may be made a through highway.

"I—That wig-wag signals be installed at all crossings specified by the Board of Trustees.

"J—That all property belonging to the Santa Fe or the C.-C. M. O. be included in the freight switching limits of Torrance.

"K—That existing pipe line franchises in the dis-

trict be unaffected by the proceedings.

"L—That these conditions be agreed to by the Board of Directors of the C.-C. M. O. and that the city be notified of such action officially so that the agreement may be made a matter of official and public record and therefore become legally binding.

"We wish to stress again that the street vacations are necessary if the Santa Fe is to develop Torrance as a great industrial center; that the vacations are essential to the progress of Torrance and are part of one of the most important moves in the history of this city; that the action of the Trustees is highly praiseworthy and should receive the support of every citizen who has the welfare of this city at heart.

"We hereby affirm our faith in the Board of Trustees in this matter and urge that the proceedings be completed as soon as is legally possible, so that the much-needed spur which the Santa Fe development will bring to this city with benefit to all may be started and completed without further delay.

"This statement is made in view of the fact that there has been a malicious and unwarranted attack on the trustees and others who have been endeavoring to promote the prosperity of Torrance by approving the proposed street vacations. The inference made in this spurious attack should be condemned by all citizens who have the interests of this community at heart."

The statement was signed by the following:

3-WAY TRUCK READY

Pump - Ladder - Foamite Fire Truck for This City Arrives

Torrance's new combination fire truck has arrived. Adding considerably to the apparatus now on hand, the new pumping, ladder and foamite unit, it is believed, will pay for itself in a short time by reducing fire insurance rates in Torrance.

The pumping apparatus on the truck has a capacity of 600 gallons a minute, and the ladders can be raised to a height of 325 feet. Until the new apparatus arrived the local department had no adequate means of carrying ladders.

The new truck is 47 feet long and cost \$13,500. It carries a large supply of pickpoles, door openers, fire axes, and other instruments. The foamite tank is for use in oil fires.

The truck is being stored at the Day and Night Garage pending completion of the new fire station. A statement authorized by the Torrance Volunteer Fire Department follows:

"Torrance now is adequately protected by sufficient apparatus to fight any fire in the city. The fact that this new truck is on hand for use will lower fire insurance rates in Torrance materially and because of these lowered rates will pay for itself within a year.

"The department was woefully in need of just such equipment as we now have. Had two fires broken out at once we could not have fought them both. We had insufficient ladder equipment to fight a hotel fire. The new ladders rectify that. This new apparatus is like two trucks, in that it combines excellent ladder equipment with a big pumping unit. The wisdom and economy of buying the material is not doubted by anyone in touch with the apparatus required to fight any fires in a city of this size."

Legion Follies Cabaret To Be Staged on Friday and Saturday Is Certainly Going to Be Great

By THE OBSERVER
We took a run down town last night to watch the rehearsal of the coming American Legion benefit show, "Renalle's Follies Cabaret," to be held this coming Friday and Saturday at the High School Auditorium.

Never were we more agreeably surprised, and it would have done your heart good to see the way those boys and girls worked.

In our time we've covered everything from cock-fights to grand opera, and we're telling you the way this Legion show is lining up promises to be an absolute knockout!

There are 70 people in the cast, and it is a tribute to the directorial ability of Capt. Renalle, as well as to the ability and effort of those taking part in the show, that it has reached such a high point of perfection and finish in so short a time.

They Look Fine
The girls are young and pretty, the boys clean-cut and handsome, and both boys and girls disclose their talent far beyond anything one would dare to expect from the best of the most carefully trained performers.

It was our good fortune to view some of the costumes to be worn by the chorus, and truly, they were of every color and cut things you ever laid eyes upon!

Some of the girls donned them for our special edification and they looked perfectly delicious!

Then there was the Treasure Chest. The Treasure Chest, you know, is to be given to the lady who obtains the most votes in the American Legion Popularity Contest. These votes are procured through the sale of tickets to the show, so it's up to you to do your utmost to help the lady of your choice to win.

It Sure Is Nifty
We wish we might tell you of the beautiful things we saw that are to go into the chest, but this we gave our word not to do. Anyway, we can say that they are all dainties and pretties dear to the heart of every woman, and the winner will be fortunate indeed. But you can see for yourself by looking in the window of the Gardner Music Store on Friday morning.

By the way, we have been asked to make it known that the "Missing Word Contest" has been changed, owing to the fact that some of the advertisements were so written up as to not permit of any omission. It will therefore only be necessary to show your program on Friday morning to an advertiser to have the right to demand the envelope which may or may not contain a free ticket to the show.

Now, special attention! Commencing Friday morning at 8 o'clock, tickets purchased in advance for the show may be exchanged at the Beacon Drug Store, Torrance, for regular tickets.

Five hours, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., will be reserved for this purpose alone, no regular ticket sales being made until after 1 o'clock, in order to give those who bought in advance their choice of seats.

For Clubhouse Help
As with everything else the Legion boys in Torrance undertake, their heart and soul have gone into this show to make it an unqualified success and a credit to the community.

The motive for the show is to raise money to help in the completion of the American Legion clubhouse, Bert S. Crossland Post No. 176, at Carson street and Cota avenue, so it behooves every public-spirited citizen to put his best foot forward and do his bit by going to the show.

So let's go, Buddy! Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5, at the High School Auditorium.

\$25 in Prizes Are Offered in Letter Contest

Write a letter telling why men who work in Torrance should live in Torrance. You may win a cash prize offered by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The contest was arranged so that all arguments why men who work here should live here might be secured and tabulated for the Live in Torrance campaign which the chamber is undertaking.

Ben Wayt Named Deputy County Constable Here

Torrance Man Succeeds O. A. Morris in Lomita Township

Ben Wayt of Torrance succeeds O. A. Morris as deputy constable of Lomita Township.

Says Normandie Will Be Paved To Sea in Year

In a statement to the San Pedro Pilot Capt. Louis Hansen declares that Normandie avenue will be paved from Exposition Park to San Pedro within a year. The article in the Pilot follows:

"Normandie avenue will be paved from Exposition Park to Harbor boulevard 100 feet wide and open for traffic within a year, Captain Louis Hansen of the Normandie Avenue Association announced this morning.

"This high speed highway, which will be continued north to Hollywood from Exposition Park at an 80-foot width, will be the first of the major highways from the mountains to the sea, unless plans for Greater Vermont avenue, delayed by suit on the legality of the Matton act, are pushed to a speedy conclusion. Normandie will afford a straight wide highway from the heart of Los Angeles to the local harbor.

"According to Captain Hansen, the grade for the proposed extension of Normandie has been staked out to Anaheim bridge, all necessary rights of way having been procured, and the work of pushing the highway through to the harbor is ready to proceed with all dispatch. S. C. Hawkins has given a 3 1/2-acre right of way through his ranch on Weston street north, and has moved his two-story house off the proposed route on money advanced by the county supervisors, thus removing the last obstacle to prosecution of plans for the highway.

"The extension of Normandie avenue to the mountains on the north and the sea on the south is one of the projects approved in the major traffic plan of Los Angeles."

Observations

In Which the Writer Engages in the Pleasant, Popular Pastime of Suggesting Some New Laws for the Statute Books

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY
INASMUCH as it seems to be popular to suggest new laws, both national and state, I believe it is fitting for every citizen to engage in the popular pastime. So I herewith append my own idea of a few sweeping statutes that would do much to regulate the morals and personal activities of people in these United States.

FIRST—In order to standardize all laws so that the process of making all things the same in this country would be encouraged and to impede individuality I would recommend a law that would abolish all state governments and turn the police power over to national administration. Individuality in a democracy is a disgrace. For all men are created equal and should be just exactly alike. Laws of the states are different. They should be standardized. Varieties in law encourage people to be individual and he who is individual cannot bow down in all things to the will of government. If all laws for all districts were alike and administered by a central government, this individuality of citizens would be dealt a staggering blow and in a few generations all the people of this country would look, believe and act identically.

SECOND—As soon as all variations in our laws were eliminated I would then pass a few more laws aimed at the regulation of national thought. At present law deals merely with actions. But the mental sciences are daily improving. The time will come when a federal prosecutor may obtain the services of a mind-reader who could go out on the street and arrest everyone whose thoughts were not just right. It is immoral to think wrong thoughts, just as it is immoral to commit wrong acts. We could have laws against coveting our neighbor's goods, so that if a girl watching a well-groomed woman go by should happen to think "Oh, if I only could have that dress," then along could come the federal mind-reader and arrest her. It could also be made unlawful for a man on a hot day to think how he would like a scuttle of foaming beer and he would be arrested and sent to prison for indulging in such an illegal wish.

THIRD—While our laws deal primarily with actions, it does not deal with them sufficiently. Take for example a man standing on the curb in a city when the shop girls are boarding the street cars after their work. I have seen these men watch the girls get on the cars and when you see the girls' dresses pulled higher as they go up the steps it is easy to see what the men are looking at. I recommend a law that would make it a felony for a man to watch a girl getting on a street car. Anyone convicted of such an offense could be made to wear blinders whenever out in public. I contend that dresses are now short enough without having men standing around waiting for girls to step up so that they can see even more.

FOURTH—People in this country, for a good many years have been considering their homes as their castles and so secure have they felt in the sanctity of their homes against incursions by the law that all sorts of immoralities have been taking place in homes. A wrong act committed in the home is as wrong as one committed in public and I recommend that this erroneous principle of home-sanctity be permanently abolished. If a man hits his thumb with a hammer and cusses as a result, he should be arrested. I would put a radio-sending set in every home and connect it with a listening-in room at federal police headquarters so that any suspicious noise in any home could immediately be investigated. When radio pictures become a success I would augment this sound-sending system in every home with a picture-sending system so that every movement of every person in every home would be thrown on a screen for all to see. This would abolish all immorality in the home and would accomplish wonders for law observance.

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District Watches Subscription Race For Great Prizes

Big Results Expected as Campaigners Approach End of Second Period of Big Newspaper Campaign in Torrance and Lomita

Big results are to be expected this week in The Herald and News' extraordinary Automobile and Gold Election, for Wednesday night, June 9th, the lowest vote schedule of the campaign goes into effect. With the close of the "Second Period" at 9 o'clock Wednesday night of next week, all "extension schedule" benefits cease. All the wide-awake and courageous candidates are struggling for supremacy in the election, with the realization that the final results depend almost entirely upon what is done these last few days.

This is a real race. Real candidates are competing. Winning this election not only means the winning of the first grand Capital Prize—it means victory over one of the most formidable assemblages of candidates.

Such tremendous enthusiasm and energy was never before seen in any kind of a campaign as is being shown daily in this race for the automobiles and cash prizes. There seems to be no limit to the pep that candidates have stored up for the finish, which is but a few days away. The contestants who have formerly been the hardest workers are still going at it as if they had saved all their energy for the big finish. This indicates that every single candidate on the list has plenty of fight left. It also shows that the candidates who look "harmless" now may be among the strongest when the end comes. They are watching the other fellow and arranging and planning to go them all one better.

DUNDEE TAILORS WILL GIVE SUIT IN CONTEST

The Dundee Tailors, 1417 Marcellina, Torrance, popular-priced tailors of the harbor district, announce that they are anxious to share in making some one happy in the Torrance Herald and The Lomita News' Gigantic Auto and Cash Distribution, and will give to some lucky contestant a brand new tailored-to-measure suit of clothes at the highest price which has already made the Dundee Tailors popular in this section.

The suit of the highest grade woolen materials, tailored to the highest degree of craftsmanship, will be given absolutely FREE to the candidate in the Great \$5000 Gift Distribution obtaining the greatest amount of business for any single day between Friday, June 5th, and Wednesday, June 9th.

The Dundee Tailors are well known to the class of clothing buyers that demand the best there is in high class tailoring at popular prices, and the candidate who wins the suit is assured of a very high grade suit of clothing of the very latest pattern and the highest class workmanship obtainable.

Torrance and Lomita has ever seen competing for truly extraordinary prizes.

All Torrance and Lomita and vicinity are watching this campaign, watching every candidate, waiting to see who can command the greatest support, who has friends and the ability to carry on.

No candidate will admit defeat—all are claiming victory. And as close as the race stands, anyone in the list of candidates can walk away with the biggest car.

The Herald and News' Automobile and Gold race has now narrowed down to the point where only the "live ones" remain, each of whom is going at top speed to get all their subscriptions in before the lowest rate schedule of the campaign goes into effect.

Plenty of Pep
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Takes Big Score to Win
This month certain whoever wins any one of these prizes will probably do so by a very narrow margin, though the winning score will doubtless be large. If the present leaders are figuring that their leads are ample they are due for disappointment when the winners are announced. With such a field of energetic workers, it is certain that some of the most spectacular work of the contest is to come. The never-say-die spirit was never more in evidence than it is right now.

Best Work Now
It is quite sure that some of the candidates who have appeared less active in the last few weeks are (Continued on Last Page)